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Patent No. 6,815,173

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For: COMPOSITIONS AND METHODS FOR
DETECTING SYPHILIS USING
SYNTHETIC ANTIGENS

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**REQUEST TO CORRECT INVENTORSHIP OF ISSUED PATENT
PURSUANT TO 35 U.S.C. § 256**

Applicants hereby file this request to correct inventorship of the above-referenced patent pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 256. Applicants hereby request the Commissioner to correct the inventorship of the above patent by removing named inventors Victoria Pope and William E. Morrill from this issued patent. Arnold R. Castro is the sole inventor of U.S. Patent No. 6,815,173.

This request to correct inventorship of U.S. Patent No. 6,815,173 is accompanied by:

(1) A statement as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.324(b)(2) by each of the currently named inventors (Victoria Pope, Arnold R. Castro, and William E. Morrill) either agreeing to the change of inventorship or stating that they have no disagreement in regard to the requested change;

(2) A statement as required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.324(b)(3) of the Assignee (The Government of the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention) agreeing to the change of inventorship in the patent, which complies with the requirements of § 3.73(b) of this chapter; and

(3) The fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.324(b)(4) and set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.20(b).

Applicants respectfully submit that the requirements of 37 C.F.R. § 1.324(a) for amending the inventorship of the present patent have been satisfied, and request favorable consideration of this request.

Please charge any additional fees that may be required in connection with filing this request to Deposit Account No. 02-4550.

Respectfully submitted,

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**STATEMENT OF ARNOLD R. CASTRO UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.324(b)(2) PURSUANT TO
CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP IN PATENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 256**

1. I, Arnold R. Castro, am a currently named inventor of the above-referenced patent.
2. I, Arnold R. Castro, agree to the change of inventorship, namely to remove named inventors Victoria Pope and William E. Morrill from the issued patent.
3. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent.

Dated: MAY 10, 2010

By: Arnold R. Castro
Arnold R. Castro

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**STATEMENT OF WILLIAM E. MORRILL UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.324(b)(2) PURSUANT
TO CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP IN PATENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 256**

1. I, William E. Morrill, am a currently named inventor of the above-referenced patent.

2. I, William E. Morrill, either agree to the change of inventorship or have no disagreement in regard to the requested change, to remove myself and Victoria Pope from the issued patent.

3. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent.

Dated: 5/10/10

By: William E. Morrill
William E. Morrill

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**STATEMENT OF VICTORIA POPE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.324(b)(2) PURSUANT TO
CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP IN PATENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 256**

1. I, Victoria Pope, am a currently named inventor of the above-referenced patent.
2. I, Victoria Pope, either agree to the change of inventorship or have no disagreement in regard to the requested change, to remove myself and William E. Morrill from the issued patent.
3. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the patent.

Dated: May 19, 2010

By: Victoria Pope
Victoria Pope

Signal Under duress

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**STATEMENT OF ASSIGNEE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.324(b)(3) PURSUANT TO
CORRECTION OF INVENTORSHIP IN PATENT UNDER 35 U.S.C. 256**

1. We, the assignee of record, The Government of the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (Reel 011486, Frames 0504-0507, recorded on February 2, 2001 and Reel 12639, Frames 0181-0184, recorded on December 5, 2001), agree to the request to correct the inventorship of the referenced patent.

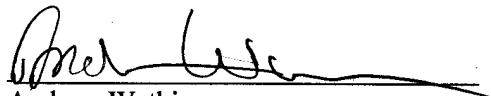
2. The recorded Assignments referred to in this Statement have been reviewed by the undersigned. The undersigned certifies that to the best of the undersigned's knowledge and belief, title is in the assignee.

3. We agree to a change of inventorship in the above-referenced patent, namely to remove Victoria Pope and William E. Morrill as inventors.

4. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Technology Transfer Office has been duly delegated responsibility for such patent matters under the authority of the memorandum dated January 31, 1997, from Donna E. Shalala, the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services, delegating the authority to the Heads of the Public Health Service Operating Divisions, as well as a memorandum dated October 12, 2000, from Jeffrey P. Koplan, M.D., M.P.H., the Director of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (who is a Head of a Public Health Service Operating Division), delegating authority to sign this Power of Attorney to the Associate Director for Science and the Director of the Technology Transfer Office of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. The undersigned is authorized to exercise such authority in this matter.

Executed on 26 MAY, 2010 at Atlanta, Georgia.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andrew Watkins", is written over a horizontal line.

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